



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: John E. Sims

Docket No.: 2976-B

Serial No.: 09/769,878

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the time for filing a response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2002, be extended for a period of three months to February 24, 2003, as February 22, 2003 is a Saturday. A Response to the Office Action is being filed concurrently with this Petition.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fee of \$930 and any other fee occasioned by this response to Deposit Account No. 09-0089. A copy of this Petition is provided for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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